

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2612**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Achadjian**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Section 69921 of the Government Code, relating to courts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2612, as introduced, Achadjian. Court security.

The Superior Court Law Enforcement Act of 2002 authorizes the presiding judge of each superior court to contract with the sheriff or marshal for the necessary level of law enforcement services in the courts. The act requires the superior court and the sheriff or marshal to enter into a memorandum of understanding specifying the agreed upon level of court security services, and their cost and terms of payment. The act requires the Judicial Council to establish a working group on court security to promulgate recommended uniform standards that may be used to implement court security services, and requires the Judicial Council to promulgate rules and standards for trial courts to reduce security operating costs. The act defines “contract law enforcement template” for purposes of providing these court security services pursuant to the act.

This bill would correct an obsolete cross-reference in that definition.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 69921 of the Government Code is amended to read:

69921. For purposes of this article:

(a) “Contract law enforcement template” means a document that is contained in the Administrative Office of the Courts’ financial policies and procedures manual that accounts for and further defines allowable costs, as described in paragraphs ~~(3)~~ (4) to ~~(6)~~ (7), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 69927.

(b) “Court attendant” means a nonarmed, nonlaw enforcement employee of the superior court who performs those functions specified by the court, except those functions that may only be performed by armed and sworn personnel. A court attendant is not a peace officer or a public safety officer.

(c) “Court security plan” means a plan that is provided by the superior court to the Administrative Office of the Courts that includes a law enforcement security plan and all other court security matters.

(d) “Law enforcement security plan” means a plan that is provided by a sheriff or marshal that includes policies and procedures for providing public safety and law enforcement services to the court.

(e) “Superior court law enforcement functions” means all of the following:

(1) Bailiff functions, as defined in Sections 830.1 and 830.36 of the Penal Code, in criminal and noncriminal actions, including, but not limited to, attending courts.

(2) Taking charge of a jury, as provided in Sections 613 and 614 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(3) Patrolling hallways and other areas within court facilities.

(4) Overseeing prisoners in holding cells within court facilities.

(5) Escorting prisoners in holding cells within court facilities.

(6) Providing security screening within court facilities.

(7) Providing enhanced security for bench officers and court personnel, as agreed upon by the court and the sheriff or marshal.

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